

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for improving the devices in a domain, the method comprising
  - receiving, within a network, a plurality of device effectiveness records for a first user created in a first domain;
  - 5 storing the plurality of device effectiveness records;
  - identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records; and
  - 10 notifying a second user in a second domain of the effective device ID.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records comprises comparing at least two device effectiveness records.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records comprises mining the plurality of device effectiveness records.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein an effective device ID identifies a new device for the user.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein an effective device ID identifies an upgrade for an existing device for the user.
  
6. The method of claim 1 comprising creating a device effectiveness record.

7. A system for improving the devices in a domain, the system comprising
  - means for receiving, within a network, a plurality of device effectiveness records for a first user created in a first domain;
  - 5 means for storing the plurality of device effectiveness records;
  - means for identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records; and
  - 10 means for notifying a second user in a second domain of the effective device ID.
8. The system of claim 1 wherein means for identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records comprises means for comparing at least two device effectiveness records.
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9. The system of claim 1 wherein means for identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records comprises means for mining the plurality of device effectiveness records.
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10. The system of claim 1 wherein an effective device ID identifies a new device for the user.

11. The system of claim 1 wherein an effective device ID identifies an upgrade for an existing device for the user.
  
12. The system of claim 1 comprising means for creating a device effectiveness record.

13. A computer program product for improving the devices in a domain, the computer program product comprising

5 a recording medium;

means, recorded on a recording medium, for receiving, within a network, a plurality of device effectiveness records for a first user created in a first domain;

10 means, recorded on a recording medium, for storing the plurality of device effectiveness records;

means, recorded on a recording medium, for identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records; and

15 means, recorded on a recording medium, for notifying a second user in a second domain of the effective device ID.

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14. The computer program product of claim 1 wherein means, recorded on a recording medium, for identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records comprises means, recorded on a recording medium, for comparing at least two device effectiveness records.

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15. The computer program product of claim 1 wherein means, recorded on a recording medium, for identifying an effective device ID for the first user in dependence upon the plurality of device effectiveness records comprises means, recorded on a recording medium, for mining the plurality of device effectiveness records.  
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16. The computer program product of claim 1 wherein an effective device ID identifies a new device for the user.
17. The computer program product of claim 1 wherein an effective device ID identifies an upgrade for an existing device for the user.
18. The computer program product of claim 1 comprising means, recorded on a recording medium, for creating a device effectiveness record.